

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device arranged to~~An apparatus comprising:

~~receive from a service provider, via a first wireless communication link~~transceiver configured to receive, a key from a service provider, the key having an identification tag identifying the service provider and validity information relating to a service provided by said service provider; and

~~establish a second wireless communication link with an access device, said second wireless communication link arranged~~transceiver configured to provide said key and said validity information to ~~said~~an access device in response to a request identifying the service provider, wherein said key and said validity information allow said access device to determine without any connection to a central control element associated with the service provider whether or not to provide access, and wherein if said key and said validity information are determined by the access device to be valid, access is provided, ~~and wherein said first and second wireless communication links operate at different frequencies.~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~The apparatus of claim 1, which is arrangedwherein the first transceiver is configured to receive additional information relating to said service.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in claim 2, wherein~~The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first transceiver is configured to receive additional information relating to said service and make said additional information is available to a user of said user devicethe apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said user device comprises~~The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a display and

~~said display is arranged~~configured to display ~~said additional information relating to said service.~~

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said user device comprises~~ The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a speaker ~~and said speaker is arranged~~configured to provide ~~said additional information relating to said service~~ audibly.

6.-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second ~~wireless communication link uses~~transceiver is configured to operate using high frequency signals in the giga Hertz range.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second ~~wireless communication link uses~~transceiver is configured to operate using low power signals.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second ~~wireless communication link uses~~transceiver is configured to operate using wireless ~~PC card~~ signals.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second ~~wireless communication link uses~~transceiver is configured to operate using infrared signals.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~The apparatus of claim 1, ~~wherein said user device is arranged~~configured to have more than one key at the same time.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said key has an identifier associated therewith, said access device is ~~arranged~~configured to provide identification information, and ~~said user device is~~

~~arranged~~ apparatus is configured to provide the key which has the identifier associated with the received identification information to said access device.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said identifier identifies said service provider.~~ The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said key has an identifier associated therewith that identifies said service provider, said access device is arranged to provide identification information, and said apparatus is further configured to provide the key which has the identifier identifying the service provider associated with the received identification information to said access device.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~ The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said access device provides access to one or more of the following:

hotel room; theatre; cinema; hire car; ski lift; public transport; or office.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~ The apparatus of claim 1, ~~wherein said user device comprises~~ further comprising a memory for storing said key.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~ The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least part of said key and/or said validity information are at least partly encrypted.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in claim 17,~~ The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least part of said key and/or said validity information are at least partly encrypted, and wherein at least part of said key is not decryptable by said ~~user device~~ apparatus.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~ The apparatus of claim 1, ~~wherein said user device is arranged~~ configured to provide to said access device information identifying ~~the~~ a user of said ~~device~~ apparatus.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~ The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said validity information comprises time related information.

21. (Currently Amended) An access system comprising ~~a user device as claimed in the~~ apparatus of claim 1, in combination with said access device.

22. (Cancelled) ~~A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said access device is arranged to determine if the key and validity information received from said user device are valid.~~

23. (Currently Amended) ~~An access~~ A method comprising the steps of:

~~receiving at a user device, via a first wireless communication link from a service provider, a key having an identification tag identifying the~~ a ~~service provider, and time related validity information specifying a time period for which said key is valid~~ related to the service provided by the service provider;

~~establishing a second wireless link between said user device and an access device wherein said first and second communication links operate at different frequencies;~~

~~providing from said user device to said access device said key and said time related validity information specifying a time period for which said key is valid~~ to an access device ~~in response to a request identifying the service provider; and~~

~~checking at said access device if said key and said time related validity information are valid and if so providing access.~~

24. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said validity information comprises time related information.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A user device as claimed in~~The apparatus of claim 1, ~~wherein said user device is~~further comprising a mobile station.

26. (Currently Amended) A ~~wireless~~ communication device for accessing via an access device a service provided by a service provider, the ~~wireless~~ communication device comprising:

a first ~~antenna~~transceiver for establishing a ~~radio~~ connection with a base station of a communication network, a second ~~antenna~~transceiver for establishing a ~~radio~~ connection with the ~~wireless~~ access device, wherein said first and second ~~antenna~~transceivers operate at different frequencies;

a memory for storing a key having an identification tag identifying the service provider which is received at the first ~~antenna~~transceiver from the service provider via the communication network; and

~~processing circuitry~~a processor for providing said key via the second ~~antenna~~transceiver to the access device in response to a request identifying the service provider, wherein said access device is able to determine without any connection to a central control element associated with the service provider whether the key is valid, and wherein if said key is determined by the access device to be valid, access is provided to said service.

27. (Currently Amended) A user device arranged to:

receive from a service provider, via a first ~~wireless~~ communication link, at least one key having an identification tag identifying the service provider and validity information relating to a service provided by said service provider.

establish a second ~~wireless~~-communication link with an access device, said second ~~wireless~~-communication link arranged to provide said validity information and all keys having the identification tag identifying the service provider to said access device in response to a request identifying the service provider, wherein said access device identifies a matching key from the provided keys, and said matching key and said validity information allow said access device to determine without any connection to a central control element associated with the service provider whether or not to provide access, wherein if said key and said validity information are determined by the access device to be valid access is provided, and wherein said first and second ~~wireless~~-communication links operate at different frequencies.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second transceiver is configured to operate as a wireless communication link.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first and second transceivers are configured to operate at different frequencies.

30. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising receiving additional information relating to said service and making said additional information available to a user.

31. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

receiving identification information from the access device; and

providing a key associated with the received identification information to said access device.

32. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

receiving identification information from the access device; and

providing a key having an identifier identifying a service provider associated with the received identification information to said access device.

33. (New) The method of claim 23, comprising providing access to one or more of a hotel room; theatre; cinema; hire car; ski lift; public transport; or office if said key and said validity information are valid.

34. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising at least partly encrypting at least part of said key and/or said validity information.

35. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising providing user information to said access device.